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TOPIC Military Information from the Uranium Mining Area

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1. In the entire uranium mining area, there have been persistent rumors about the recent arrival of Soviet troops by rail, the construction of new barracks installations, and the conversion of factories into troop billets.
2. A train with 20 heavy AA guns was unloaded in Aue (N 51/K 53) on 22 June 1951, but the destination of the guns could not be determined. Another train with artillery pieces was seen proceeding from Aue toward Schwarzenberg (N 51/K 52). Several ammunition trains were seen at various towns in the uranium mining area.
3. Trucks of the Wismut Corporation, [redacted] of the civil administration or [redacted] of the military administration, were no longer operated by civilian employees but by Soviet soldiers. **
4. [redacted] ***
5. A bricklayer, who fled in mid-June after working in Object No 16 at Johanngeorgenstadt (N 51/K 51), stated that so-called Internate (boarding schools) were being built in the uranium mining area to house Soviet recruits. Each Internate was a single barracks building of about 30 rooms, and was constructed by about 200 workmen, including four to five bricklayer brigades of about 14 men each, who worked in three shifts. Wooden building material used during the construction work was prefabricated. One of these Internate was completed near the Breitenbrunn (N 51/K 52) railroad station at the end of May. Another one on Eibenstocker Strasse in Johanngeorgenstadt was nearing completion while an Internate across the street was already occupied. *
6. Six 37-mm AA guns were emplaced by the Johanngeorgenstadt road, 500 meters from the branch road to Eibenstock.

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25X1 * Comment. It is unlikely that new combat troops should be
stationed in the already overpopulated uranium mining area. The
25X1 Internate in paragraph 3, which are reported for the first time,
may have been built to quarter MIE or Soviet labor units isolated
from the population. This hypothesis is strengthened by the facts
that such buildings are scattered over the uranium mining area.
25X1 Their location probably depends on the location of uranium plants.
They do not include outbuildings capable of sheltering heavy weapons.

25X1 *** Comment. A similar report has been received from Chernitz.



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